

REMARKS

Claims 32, 35, 39-41 and 50 are presented for consideration, with Claim 32 being independent.

Applicant notes with appreciation that Claims 32, 35, 39-41 and 50 are allowed.

Claims 47 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hoshino '224. Without conceding to the propriety of this rejection, Claims 47 and 51 have been cancelled. This rejection is therefore deemed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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